

### Remarks

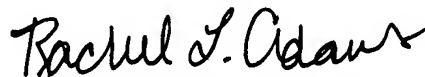
New claims 33-38 have been added. Claims 1-32 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter. The specification has been amended to include the use of sequence identifiers. The sequence listing has been amended to conform to current requirements. Support for the foregoing amendments may be found in the sequence listing, the drawings and throughout the specification, for example, at page 7, line 25 through page 11, line 13; page 12, line 24 through page 16, line 17; Example 3 and Example 4. No new matter enters by these amendments. The application presently contains claims 33-38.

The specification has been amended to update cross-reference to related application information, and to specify that the present application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/057,996, filed April 9, 1998, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/041,815, filed April 11, 1997.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at 202.942.5068 to address any unresolved issues remaining in this application.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicant does not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16518.131.

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